

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): The information is not available.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know from the member the quantity of timber from royal trees that were cut and removed from the first tract?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): I have no information.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know from the member the approximate cost for the enumeration of the royal trees in the tracts referred to in the answer to part (c)?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know from the member how the teak-growth is enumerated and by whom?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): The Forest subordinates.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): Who is responsible for such enumeration?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): The Forest Department.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): Which officer?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): I claim notice. Apparently the Range Officer.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know whether several suits have been filed for recovery of damages caused by indiscriminate felling of royal trees?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): There is no information.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know whether instructions have been issued to the agents for repeated cutting of trees from private holdings at a particular time?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): Are the Government aware that repeated cutting of trees from one registered holding will cause unnecessary damages?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): That is a matter of opinion.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): The question is whether the Government are aware.

PRESIDENT: He wants to reserve his opinion to himself.

Public Markets.

26. *MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether scavenging, sweeping and water-giving are conducted in all public markets in the State;

(b) if the answer to part (a) is in the affirmative, under whose directions the above works are conducted;

(c) the amount allotted for the purpose for all the public markets in the Nedumangad taluk in the years 1107, 1108 and 1109; and

(d) whether all the money allotted for the purpose has been expended or lapsed?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*):

(a) Scavenging is done in almost all markets provided with latrines. Sweeping is done in almost all the important public markets in the State. Water is being supplied in all the public markets in the Trivandrum Division and the question of supplying water in other markets is under the consideration of Government.

(b) The Revenue and the Public Health Departments.

(c) Rs. 605, Rs. 152-14-9 and Rs. 522 respectively.

(d) A sum of Rs. 27-23-7 lapsed out of the allotment sanctioned for 1107, and the entire amounts for 1108 and 1109 were expended.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Whether there are permanent scavengers in all public markets?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): Scavengers are not permanent men.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): My question is whether there are scavengers to do the work.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): Wherever there is latrine there will be a scavenger.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know the name of the scavenger (*Laughter*).

PRESIDENT: Add to that the community to which he belongs. (*Laughter*).

A supplementary question should be asked bearing on the question in issue. How is it important for the Honourable member whether A, B or C is functioning as a scavenger? The question is whether there is a scavenger and it has been answered that wherever there is latrine there is one.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I offer a word of explanation? It is alleged there are scavengers wherever there is latrine. May I point out that there are no scavengers in the present instance? In order to satisfy Government I am putting this question.

PRESIDENT: Suppose there is a scavenger named Ramadu and there may be thousands of persons with that name. No useful purpose is served by asking such a question.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know the names of markets for which scavenging and sweeping works are not conducted?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): There are several hundreds.

Markets in Nedumangad.

27. ***MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) how many public markets there are in the Nedumangad taluk and their names;